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1. The Yugoslav Legation in Buenos Aires is said to have provided half the funds for the construction of the new building of Sociedad Yugoslava de Socorros Mutuos (Yugoslav Mutual Aid Society), ground for which was broken at Calle Almirante Brown 715 on 11 January 1948. It is reported that the building will have special built-in secret vaults. One member of Yugoslava Libre has stated that "the police will be double-crossed and will never learn the plan of the building." It is believed that this new center will become the headquarters of Yugoslav Communism in Argentina in the event police intervention necessitates closing of the Yugoslav Legation and local Yugoslav Communist organizations such as Yugoslavia Libre.
2. Officials of the Yugoslav Communist movement in Argentina feel that Sociedad Yugoslava de Socorros Mutuos, founded in 1878, will furnish good cover for their activities because, until recently, the society has had no connection with Communism. Eighty-year-old Cristobal Vuinovic has been retained as a figurehead official to preserve the illusion that the society remains non-political.

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